Reducing speed breakers to increase the speed of trains

†1144. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to reduce the speed breakers to increase the speed of trains;

(b) if so, by when the said scheme would be implemented;

(c) whether it is also a fact that trains to be slowed down on weak bridges and as a result trains get delayed in reaching the destinations; and

(d) if so, whether any schemes has been formulated to renew the weak bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. However, there are no speed breakers but speed restrictions.

(b) Speed restrictions are reviewed periodically and are removed based on technical feasibility and availability of resources.

(c) Yes, Sir. Trains are slowed down on weak bridges if conditions so warrants to ensure safety of traffic. However, it may not necessarily result into trains getting delayed in reaching the destinations. Suitable time allowances are provided in Trains Time Table.

(d) Yes, Sir. Rehabilitation/repaid of bridges is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. Railways undertakes repair, rehabilitation/rebuilding of bridges on the basis of their physical condition as ascertained during regular inspections.

Shifting the Headquarters of Western Railway

1145. SHRI KESHUBHAIS. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is demanding since long for shifting the Headquarters of the Western Railway from Mumbai toAhmedabad, but demand is not accepted;

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